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After reading the final draft of Voter Residency, I had two suggestions to make:

#1

Page. 2, number 8: ...shall be deemed to reside in the location of his bedroom or usual sleeping area

Replace with: ... in the location of the master bedroom

The Registrar of York County said that he was uncomfortable asking people where they slept. I asked Mr. Wertz, Montgomery County Registrar about the wording. He said the planning board in Montgomery County used "master bedroom" when a residence is divided into two jurisdictions.

#2

Page 3, number 14, b

Do you have a specific plan to move away....at a fixed date in the future?

This will prevent a person doing a residency, internship, working on a contract or a grant etc. from registering to vote. When it is suggested that this potential voter use an absentee ballot at the former residence, this person has probably left that residence and no longer has an address anywhere, except his new address. The concern appears to be that potential voters will come for a few weeks/months, vote for a particular candidate and then move on. Perhaps, the Board can determine a period of time (four months?) that shorter than that time, a person would not be eligible to register to vote. As traditional employment patterns are changing, I am concerned that an expanding number of people would have the right to vote taken away from them.

I was honored to serve on the Voter Residency Task Force and was impressed by the skills you exhibited as Chair of the Task Force.

Sincerely,

  
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